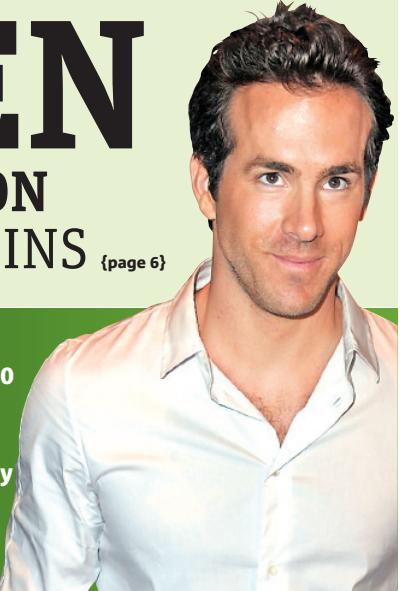


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► Dancers from the Turkish Ministry of Tourism and Culture take the stage at Confederation Park. {page 2}

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Turkish Festival a hit once again

Culture abounded at the fourth annual Ottawa Turkish Festival. Held downtown over the weekend, festival highlights included folk dancers and Whirling Dervishes flown in from Turkey for the occasion, art demonstrations including water marbling and, of course, traditional food, which had festivalgoers lined up around the park.

Music video for Levi Johnston

Sarah Palin's future son-in-law back in the limelight {page 7}

Swede takes Canadian Open

Record round gives Carl Pettersson the trophy {page 14}

Flaherty on census: Count on it

► Finance minister latest cabinet member to defend switch to optional census form ► Country's former chief statistician resigned last week over decision

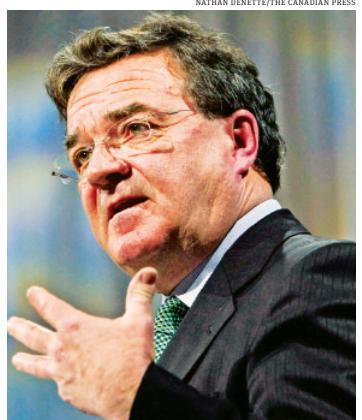
Ask Canadians to fill out a long census form for the good of the country and they'll rush to grab their blue or black ball-point pens — at least that's how Finance Minister Jim Flaherty sees it.

"My experience with Canadians is that when you ask them to do something for the good of the country, they'll do it voluntarily," Flaherty told The Canadian Press over the weekend. The finance minister is the latest member of the Tory cabinet to defend the Conservative government's decision to scrap the long census and replace it with an optional one. A newspaper report had suggested Flaherty and Industry Minister Tony Clement lobbied Prime Minister Stephen Harper to leave the census alone. Not so, says Flaherty.

"I supported the decision that was made and I do support it," he said.

The list is long of those who oppose the plan. Provincial and municipal governments, social scientists, religious groups, medical researchers, economists, minority-rights advocates and some business groups have decried the move.

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Investors will be keeping a watchful eye on Canadian companies as earnings season begins. Video at metronews.ca/canada



"Russia's Obama" hopes to clean up his town. Scan code for more.

Hatchet attack stuns community

A young man is in serious condition in hospital after he was hacked in the head and back with a hatchet on Saturday evening.

According to residents of the Britannia Woods community housing development, the man was attacked at around 7 p.m. on Saturday near a baseball diamond in Britannia Park.

To escape his attackers, the man ran to Ritchie

Street, and eventually collapsed in front of a townhouse at 111 Ritchie St.

Tyson Flint, the unit resident, found him and called 9-1-1.

A trail of blood could still be seen along the ground leading from an open area to the front of Flint's townhouse.

Residents said the man had a very deep gash that split his lower back to the bone.

He had also suffered se-

rious cuts to his head and arm.

One man has been taken into custody.

Residents believe two other males were involved in the assault.

The Ottawa police guns and gangs unit is investigating the incident.

Local residents said that the incident is an escalation of a feud that has been going on for several weeks.

• TIM WIECLAWSKI



► An Ottawa police cruiser sits in front of townhomes on Ritchie Street.

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Ottawa delights at Turkish Festival

► About 20,000 people came out to Confederation Park ► Dances from many regions of Turkey performed



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"This is a way to share the culture of Turkey. The language of music, art and dance is universal."

KEMAL SEKME

Ottawa's Turkish-Canadian population might be small, but that didn't stop tens of thousands of people from attending the fourth annual Ottawa Turkish Festival over the weekend — and festival volunteer Selim Asmer has a pretty good idea why.

"Turkey has a very rich history," said Asmer. "It's the only country in the world located on two continents — Europe and Asia." And it combines the best of both, he said.

The festival, said organizer Ahmet Sanli, "allows us to share our culture. Here, they can discover the wonders of Turkish culture."

That includes the food — while there was a long

line for gözleme, or Turkish pancake, festivalgoers also enjoyed kebabs, donairs, börek, a Turkish pastry, baklava, Turkish delight and coffee — and demonstrations of Turkish ceramic art, ebru or water marbling and calligraphy.

The Youth Folk Dance and Music Ensemble of Turkey's Ministry of Culture and Tourism performed Turkish dances.

"The aim of this is to share our cultural values with Canadians and others," said Kemal Sekmen, art manager for the ministry.



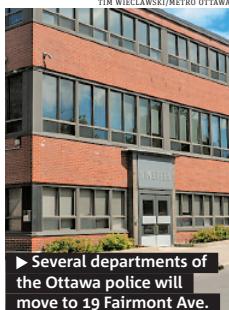
► Dancers perform the Whirling Dervish, which marked its 800th anniversary three years ago.

Cops seek more cash for digs

83 The revised cost of office furniture in the new budget is \$83,000, due to more staff moving than originally estimated.

board today, has tenant fit-up now costing an extra \$707,000, while the security and telecom budget has been cut in half. The extra money would come out of the existing police budget.

• TIM WIECLAWSKI



► Several departments of the Ottawa police will move to 19 Fairmont Ave.

News in brief

Doucet kicks off campaign

MAYOR. Clive Doucet is officially launching his campaign for mayor this Thursday at an event in his office at 1014 Wellington St. W.

The event, which runs from 5 to 7 p.m., is open to the public.

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Man hurt badly in ATV wreck

WEST OTTAWA. The driver of an ATV is in hospital with life-threatening injuries after his vehicle struck the back of a riding lawnmower yesterday morning near Mohrs Road and Kinburn Side Road.

The man was thrown from the vehicle. Police believe alcohol and speed were factors in the collision. • METRO OTTAWA

Trio challenges perceptions of Chinese music

► Performances 10:30 tonight at St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts, 3 p.m. tomorrow at Dominion Chalmers United Church

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Think you know Asian music?

A group performing at the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival will challenge everything you know about Chinese music at two performances tonight and tomorrow afternoon.

"People usually know Asian music as slow and in 4/4 style," said erhu (Chinese violin) player Lan Tung, who forms the Vancouver-based group along with percussionist and Ot-



► The Orchid Ensemble has played at Ottawa Bluesfest, the Ottawa Jazz Festival and the NAC.

tawa native Jonathan Bernard and Chinese zither player Haiqiong Deng.

"People have this expec-

tation ... from what they experience in movies, Chinese restaurants and Chinatown, they think (of the music) as slow and meditative, but the style of music you can play on these instruments is a lot richer than that."

The group's Juno-nominated repertoire is inspired by the Silk Road civilization, but also by Indian and Egyptian culture, "and by music I hear at summer festivals," said Tung.

"It will be accessible to a wide range of audiences," said Tung, and features pieces 2,000 years old to two months old.

Sport. Slacklining



► Ottawa resident Chris Juvshik tests his balance downtown yesterday.

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Needed: nylon, trees ... and balance

Slackliners in Confederation Park drew a crowd, some of whom tried out the sport for themselves, yesterday. According to Chris Juvshik, who picked up the sport two years ago, the park is an "awesome" place for slacklining, with its wide-open spaces, big trees and shade. The sport, which is slowly gaining in popularity, works the core muscles. "I always get asked if I'm in the circus," he said.

Man sought in drugstore robbery

Police are seeking a white male in his early 20s after a pharmacy was robbed in the 1100 block of Klondike Rd. in Stittsville just before midnight Friday. Police said a male suspect went to the counter where he placed a quantity of drugs into a black bag. **TRACEY TONG**

Bike share proposals wanted

The National Capital Commission, the City of Ottawa and the Ville de Gatineau have launched a new request for proposals to establish a bike share service. The regular service, set off this Thursday between Elgin and Bank streets, runs through Aug. 2. **TRACEY TONG**

Busker fest seeks volunteers

The organizers of the 19th annual International Busker Festival at the Sparks Street Mall are seeking volunteers. The festival, which kicks off this Thursday between Elgin and Bank streets, runs through Aug. 2. **TRACEY TONG**

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'I'll never go back to Somalia'

An Alberta journalist who was held prisoner in Somalia is never going back there, but the scholarship program she has set up for girls in the poverty-stricken country could bring change.

Amanda Lind-



hout says 11 young Somali women have been selected to go to one of six different institutions in the country. She hopes she will be able to raise enough money to have 100 women studying in four years time. Originally she and the Global Enrichment Foundation panel members had planned on picking 10 women as the first scholarship recipients, but she says there were too many good applicants.

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Clement saves drowning lady

Industry Minister Tony Clement is urging swimmers to be careful after he dove into a churning river to help rescue a drowning woman.

The Parry Sound-Muskoka MP was having dinner at his Port Sydney home, about 200 kilometres north of Toronto, on Saturday when he heard a frantic knocking at his door.

"We heard this banging," he said. "This young woman was hysterical, screaming that her friend was in the water and

drowning."

Clement said he rushed outdoors to the Muskoka river while his wife and father-in-law grabbed life-jackets.

He swam through strong river currents and was eventually able to help her onto her back, allowing her to float down shore to be pulled out of the water by Clement's wife and father-in-law.

Just over 200 people have drowned across the country since January.

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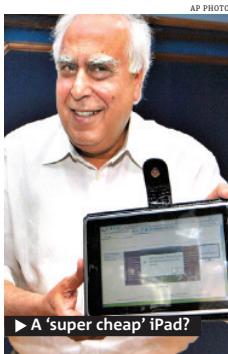
U.S. banks hit bleak milestone

U.S. bank failures this year have surpassed 100 as regulators shut down banks in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Kansas and Minnesota. The five bank seizures announced Friday bring to 101 the failures so far in 2010.

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India unveils 'cheap' iPad

India has unveiled the prototype of a \$35 US basic touch screen tablet aimed at students, which it hopes to bring into production by 2011. If the government can find a manufacturer, the computer would be the latest in a string of "world's cheapest" innovations to hit the market out of India. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► A 'super cheap' iPad?

Markets brace for revenue data

Canadian corporate earnings will be under the microscope this week as investors determine whether the economic recovery is starting to lose steam, or if there's still reason for optimism.

Some of the country's biggest companies are slated to report second-quarter results with much of the parade to start tomorrow.

First up are CGI Group Inc. and Teck Resources Ltd., while Wednesday will mark a diverse slate ranging from media company Torstar Corp. to mining giant Goldcorp Inc.

Analysts will be sifting through the details of the financial reports to find true signs of strength for the remainder of the year.

Revenue will continue to be key for markets to

gain sufficient optimism, suggested Juliette John, portfolio manager at Bissett Investment Management in Calgary.

She said in recent quarters, "earnings were very, very strong, but the revenue line continues to be a disappointment and a lot of the drivers for earnings growth have been cost-cutting."

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19 killed in German music fest stampede



► A mourner leaves a token of remembrance after 19 people were killed at the Love Parade in Germany.

FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP PHOTO
► Founder says the world's largest techno music party will never be held again

The death toll rose to 19 yesterday and police said that 342 had been injured in a panicked crush of partygoers in an overcrowded tunnel that served as the sole entrance to a German festival billed as the world's largest techno music party.

"The Love Parade was always a peaceful event and a happy party" but would forever be overshadowed by the tragedy, Rainer Schaller said.

He spoke at a press con-

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ference where authorities faced tough questions, but provided few details, about why hundreds of thousands of people were funneled through a single highway underpass into the former freight railway station used to host the party.

Witnesses said officers in Duisburg, a city in western Germany, closed the end of the tunnel emptying onto the festival grounds after they became overcrowded around 5 p.m.

They told revelers over loudspeakers to turn around and walk back in the other direction but the entrance to the tunnel did not appear to have been closed properly and people continued piling in, sparking a panic and then a deadly crush that resulted in the mass casualties.

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WHY COUNTING CANADIANS MATTERS

Urban Compass

STEVE COLLINS



The latest donnybrook in the political part of town over the census may not be over the sexiest of issues, but it's instructive.

The Harper government's decision to replace a mandatory detailed census form with a voluntary one has provoked condemnation from many levels of government, business, charities and others, and the resignation of Statistics Canada chief Munir Sheikh. An optional survey, they agree, just won't provide reliable numbers.

Governments need a good picture of demographic reality in Canada to enact good policy, and citizens need the same numbers to hold their government

accountable for that policy. It's also vital for the purposes of rating Canada against other countries, knowing that we're not comparing apples to statistically rotten oranges.

This is true at the local level, too. It is through comparison of hard numbers in a study commissioned by real estate firm Colliers International that we learned last week that Ottawa's parking rates, while hardly a source of civic joy, are comparatively cheap.

Parking here costs an average of \$160 per month, putting us in eighth place nationally. Parking prices in Calgary were deemed the most larcenous in Canada, at

\$453 per month, far ahead of second-place Toronto at \$336.

Complaints anywhere in Canada would be met with incredulous laughter in London, England, world capital of parking rip-offs, where, according to the study, a place to stop one's car averages \$933 per month.

From the comparatively trivial to life and death, a new University of Regina study of

health care ranks our region best in Ontario and fourth best in the country.

Interestingly, the detailed data shows we achieved this enviable standing mostly by being neither the best nor the worst at

anything, taking third place nationally for flu vaccinations, for example, but ranking 20th for number of patients with a family doctor. Overall, it seems we manage comparative excellence through a sort of conscientious mediocrity.

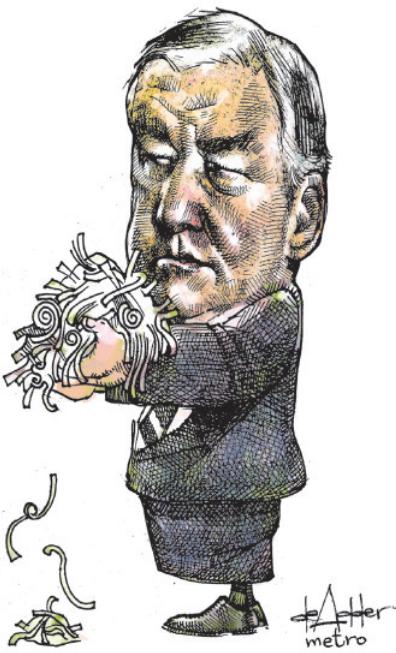
And statistics don't tell us everything. These generally positive metrics are no consolation for the shameful treatment of two sexual assault victims in two months who were turned away from the Ottawa Hospital because there were no qualified nurses available to deal with them, despite a mandate to be ready for such cases 24/7. One went to Renfrew for treatment and one just went home.

The numbers on these incidents are simple enough to read: Once was too often and twice is inexcusable.

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We asked: Finish this line: To be truly happy you must ... ?

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cannot exist without the other. **SCHWARZER KREIG**

PARKSVILLE, B.C. The Conservative government believes Canadians want the freedom to choose how much of their private lives they want to share.

Remember the famous quip of then prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau when he told reporters

the state has no place in the bedrooms of the nation. Why does Michael Ignatieff believe Canadians should be forced to divulge intimate, private details about their personal lives?

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Metro Minute with Navy exhibit

On your noon-time stroll or while wandering downtown, take a minute to check out a photo exhibit on the history and accomplishments of the Canadian Navy at one of the capital's busiest pedestrian corridors. The exhibit, on the Plaza Bridge in Confederation Square, entitled On Guard From Sea To Sea, features dozens of large

panels featuring photos from the Canadian Navy's 100-year history.

May 4, 1910, is the date that royal assent was given to the Naval Service Act, thereby establishing the Department of Naval Service. Official naval centennial events are planned across the country throughout the year.

• TRACEY TONG





News in brief



Veteran film and Broadway actor Alfred Molina is joining the cast of *Law & Order: Los Angeles*, which debuts this fall as the newest member of the NBC crime drama family.

Molina will play Deputy District Attorney Morales, said Dick Wolf, creator and executive producer of the series nicknamed LOLA that will air on Wednesday nights.

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Betty White enjoying newfound 'Hot' status

► Stars of latest superhero project present movie clip at Comic-Con ► Thousands of sci-fi and comic book fans greet Harrison Ford with standing ovation ► Many convention-goers camped out overnight to see exclusive clip of new Harry Potter movie



► Actor Ryan Reynolds, left, and actress Blake Lively speak onstage at the Green Lantern panel discussion during Comic-Con 2010 in San Diego over the weekend.

Stars stoke new Green Lantern at Comic-Con

Ryan Reynolds says he took the title role in *Green Lantern* to play a hero that can "throw a punch, tell a joke and kiss a girl."

The actor, along with castmates Blake Lively, Peter Sarsgaard and Mark Strong and director Martin Campbell, presented a clip from the film at Comic-Con Saturday for some 6,000 ecstatic fans, many of whom camped out overnight for a chance to see the presentation.

Campbell says the 3-D movie blends realistic action with humour and an otherworldly trip to the

planet Oa, home of the Green Lanterns. He added that while the hero's costume is "a work in progress," his cinematic story is set: He is joined by his fellow Green Lanterns for a face-off against Parallax, whom Reynolds describes as "the physical

manifestation of fear in our movie."

The clip showed Reynolds as Hal Jordan, who, after a fight with street thugs, takes the Green Lantern oath and uses his new powers to blow them away. Reynolds recited the oath for the

Going Green again

DC Comics chief Geoff Johns hinted that other

Green Lantern films, and a Justice League movie, could follow: "The success of Green Lantern will lead the charge for everything DC does."

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Comic-Con crowd, which rewarded him with cheers.

The cast seemed to embrace the Comic-Con energy, and revealed which characters they'd dress up with if they could walk the convention floor. Reynolds would go as a Wookie because he likes to "be cute and dangerous." Lively would dress as Harry Potter and Sarsgaard would go as Captain America. Strong said he'd dress as his Green Lantern character, Sinestro.

Green Lantern opens in June.

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Ford gets standing ovation

It was as though Han Solo himself had stepped into the San Diego Convention Center.

Harrison Ford made a surprise appearance at Comic-Con Saturday, and the crowd of some 6,000 sci-fi and comic book fans greeted him with a sustained standing ovation unmatched by any other during this year's event.

Two security guards playfully brought him out in handcuffs.

The Star Wars hero smiled bashfully, seemingly moved by the warm welcome.

New Potter clip draws big crowd

Beloved boy wizard Harry Potter comes face to face with Voldemort in the first cinematic instalment of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

Actor Tom Felton shared an exclusive clip of the forthcoming film Saturday with about 6,000 convention-goers at Comic-Con. Many of them camped out overnight for a chance to see the footage.

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Avengers hit the stage

Comic book got the chance to see all their favourite superheroes in one place Saturday at Comic-Con.

Samuel L. Jackson surprised fans when he stepped out to introduce the cast of *The Avengers*.

Jackson brought out stars Clark Gregg, Scarlett Johansson, Chris Hemsworth of Thor and Chris Evans of Captain America.

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Levi Johnston set to star in music video

► Sarah Palin's future son-in-law is hitting the limelight in upcoming music video ► In it, he plays lover who's girlfriend's mother disapproves

Levi Johnston will make his music video debut as a lover whose romance is thwarted by his girlfriend's disapproving mother, according to a Universal Music Group record label and Johnston's attorney.

Johnston, 20, who is Bristol Palin's fiancé, has agreed to appear in the video with singer-songwriter Brittani Senser next month in Los Angeles. The project is based on the song After Love by Senser, 26 — a sultry-looking R&B

and pop performer from Minneapolis.

"He's looking forward to doing it," Rex Butler, Johnston's attorney in Anchorage, Alaska, said Friday. "It will give him an opportunity to act a little bit in front of a camera."

He's done a commercial before, but something like this is a little more involved."

According to a written description of the video's storyline, the couple share tender moments before they are driven apart by the woman's mother.

Johnston recently became re-engaged to Palin, 19, daughter of former Republican vice-presidential candidate and Alaska governor Sarah Palin. Bristol Palin, who has a toddler son with Johnston, has said her mother doesn't support the couple's marriage.

Johnston and Senser are scheduled to shoot the video on location in Los Angeles on Aug. 9, the day after the pair attend the Teen Choice Awards. Johnston went to the ceremony last year with comedian Kathy Griffin.

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► Bristol Palin's fiancé, Levi Johnson (above), is set to make his music video debut.

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Lohan could be out of jail within a few days

Though originally sentenced to 90 days behind bars, Lindsay Lohan will reportedly be out of prison before August.

After reviewing a petition submitted by Lohan's attorney, Judge Marsha Revel has agreed to grant the troubled actress two days' credit for the time she was in custody, cutting Lohan's already reduced sentence to just 12 days.

Her team is

reportedly working on getting her stay reduced even further.

Alex-

Neiers only had to spend a few days in the same cell block as Lohan, whose home Neiers was accused of burglarizing, as the 19-year-old was released from prison over the weekend, according to E! News.

"I've had time to reflect on my life and the choices that led me to this experience, left alone in my cell 23 hours a day and having everything stripped away but the bare essentials. I did a lot of soul searching," Neiers says.

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Casey Affleck faces sex lawsuit

A producer is suing Casey Affleck for "uninvited and unwelcome sexual advances in the workplace" during production for his documentary about Joaquin Phoenix.

Amanda White's suit claims that "Affleck repeatedly referred to women as 'cows,' he discussed his sexual exploits and those of other celebrities that he allegedly witnessed and asked [White], after learning her age, 'Isn't it about time you get pregnant?'"

Affleck's lawyer dismissed the allegations as "without merit."

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► Teen heartthrob Justin Bieber will make his acting debut.

Bieber to guest star on CSI

Justin Bieber will make his acting debut on the upcoming season premiere of CSI, and the show's producers say his appearance will be "true event television."

Bieber plays a troubled teen who has an "explosive confrontation" with investigators after facing a tough decision regarding his only brother.

CBS promises his role will evolve into a continuing storyline that will be revisited later in the season. The show's executive producers call Bieber a phenomenon, the likes of which only come around "every 20 years."

On Thursday, Bieber alluded to his first acting role on his Twitter account and said he was working with an acting coach and learning "a new craft."

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Talking points

Eric Roberts enters rehab

PASADENA. Julia Roberts' brother Eric Roberts has joined the cast of VH1's Celebrity Rehab and while he's at the Pasadena Recovery Center, he's sharing a room with cast-mate Jeremy London.

Roberts was arrested in 1987 for cocaine possession, though it's unclear what he's being treated for now. ● METRO

Did Oksana cheat on Mel?

MALIBU. Mel Gibson's estranged girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva may have started recording her calls with him after he angrily accused her of having an affair with her landscaper in February and flew into a rage. ● METRO

Celebrity tweets



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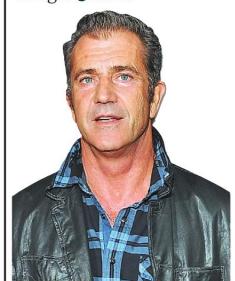
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Rain Wilson

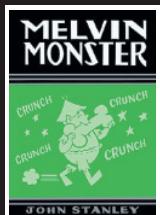
[@Rain wilson]

Except for four or five people, I hope everyone in the world is having a great weekend.



3 life

Recommendations



In terms of reading material to get boys started, the Canadian Council on Learning asked the Toronto comic shop The Beguiling to offer some graphic novel and comic book suggestions for young readers. Here are the recommendations:

- Melvin Monster by John Stanley. Follows the adventures of Melvin, a young monster who wants to go to school, do homework and play with his friends.
 - Bone by Jeff Smith. The series follows the journey of the Bone cousins, who are separated from each other after being cast out of their town and eventually reunite to save the world.
 - Sardine in Space by Joann Sfar and Emanuel Guibert. Short stories of swashbuckling outer-space action featuring Sardine, her cousin Little Louise and her uncle Captain Yellow Shoulder.
- THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Studies show that on average boys read less than girls. One solution is to find more books, comics and graphic novels that appeal to young males and gets them excited about reading.

Tap the potential of Comics for boy readers

Although often dismissed as light and "sub-literate" fare, comic books should be getting more respect from parents and educators who want to encourage boys to read, a new report suggests.

Surveys show that many educators consider comics unsuitable as reading material, says the report released Wednesday by the Canadian Council on Learning.

The article summarizes various findings from around the world and comes to the conclusion that comics and graphic novels are more than just funny books — they have untapped potential to improve literacy among young males.

"What we do know is a couple things," Jarrett

"Young boys are generally less interested in reading and enjoy reading less than girls do, which has resulted over the last few decades in poorer achievement in reading for boys"

JARRETT LAUGHLIN

Laughlin, a senior research analyst at the council, said in an interview.

"Young boys are generally less interested in reading and enjoy reading less than girls do, which has resulted over the last few decades in poorer achievement in reading for boys."

"(This) might be because their literature interests are not necessarily well represented in schools and/or in the home."

He noted that boys prefer to read fantasy, non-fiction and comic books.

Three in four boys of elementary school age report reading comic books, compared to only 50 per cent of schoolgirls, he added.

The council's report said that lack of reading enjoyment can contribute to persistent reading difficulties and an increasing disparity between successful and struggling readers.

If struggling readers grow to adulthood without the problem being addressed, they can face consequences in their daily lives and in the workplace.

Laughlin said research

suggests comic books can play a role in improving literacy for young boys — and educators are beginning to see them as a learning tool.

"They're supportive and helpful for beginning readers, they help improve reading development among second-language learners and those with reading difficulties, simply as that extra illustration helps provide those contextual clues when children are learning to read."

He also lauded the B.C.-based non-profit Healthy Aboriginal Network, which sells comics aimed at First Nations youth on topics like mental health, suicide awareness, dropping out of school and diabetes awareness.

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Grossing out boys is the way to reach them

Can fart jokes save the reading souls of boys?

You better hope so.

Boys have lagged behind girls in reading achievement for more than 20 years, but the gender gap now exists in nearly every state in the U.S. and has widened to mammoth proportions — as much as 10 percentage points in some, according to the Center on Education Policy.

"It certainly should set off alarm bells," said the centre's director, Jack Jennings. "It's a significant separation."

Parents of reluctant readers complain that boys are forced to stick to stuffy required school lists that exclude non-fiction or silly subjects, or have teachers who cater to higher achievers and girls. They're hoping books that exploit boys' love of bodily functions and gross-out humour can close the gap.

The angst among parents, teachers and librarians has been met by a steady stream of sports and historical non-fiction, potty humour, bloodthirsty vampires and action-packed graphic novels, fantasy and sleuthing.

Butts, farts, What-ever, said Amelia Yunker, a children's librarian in Farmington Hills, Mich. She hosted a grossology party with slime and an armpit noise demonstration. "Just get 'em reading. Worry about what they're reading later."

Adding online tie-ins or packaged prizes like the steady-selling 39 Clues series has publishers meeting young readers halfway.

Patrick Carman has gone a step further with his wicked creepy Skeleton Creek series from Scholastic. The upper-grade books use password-protected websites to alternate book text and quick fixes of shaky, hand-held video. To follow the story, reading and watching online are both required.

"We're meeting them halfway," Carman said. "It's the idea that these books understand where they're at."

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What's a parent to do when teens want piercings or tattoos and you're opposed?

Bringing home the bacon

► It's considered a health hazard. So what's a bacon lover to do? ► Read the labels and try poultry-based bacons ► A little bacon goes a long way

Ingredients :

- Pinch of saffron threads, crumbled (4 to 5 threads)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) warm water
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard
- 5 ml (1 tsp) minced garlic
- Ground black pepper, to taste
- 170 g (6 oz) chicken or turkey bacon
- 8 slices whole-grain sandwich bread
- 250 g (8 oz) sliced cooked chicken breast
- 500 ml (2 cups) arugula or leaf lettuce
- 1 large tomato, sliced
- 1/2 small avocado, sliced (optional)

This double chicken club sandwich with saffron aioli makes a great packed lunch or light supper for a busy school night. It has a sophisticated flavour adults will love, but can easily be tailored to younger tastes by using lettuce rather than arugula and subbing plain mayo for the saffron aioli.

When shopping for the bacon look for centre-cut

varieties, which often have less fat and fewer calories per serving than the regular stuff. Low-sodium varieties are available as well.

And consider poultry-based bacons, which can be surprisingly good. Just be sure to read the labels and compare the amounts of fat, saturated fat and sodium. Some turkey bacons, for instance, have as much fat per serving as pork varieties.

Preparation:

- 1** In a small bowl, combine saffron and warm water. Let stand for 5 minutes.
- 2** In a blender or mini food processor, combine saffron mixture, mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard and garlic, then blend until smooth. Season with pepper. Set aside. The aioli can be stored, covered, in the refrigerator, for up to 1 week.
- 3** Cook chicken bacon according to package instructions. Toast bread.

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► Double Chicken Club With Saffron Aioli.

- 4** To assemble sandwiches, spread some of the saffron aioli on each piece of toast. Divide bacon, sliced chicken breast, arugula, tomato

and avocado (if using) among 4 slices of toast; top with remaining toast.

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Keeping your cash cool

► How you can beat the heat, without breaking the bank

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Many people think energy conservation goes out the window during a heat wave.

The temperature soars, and all the air conditioners work overtime.

Almost all of Canada was gripped by sweltering, sluggish weather recently, and likely will be again before the summer ends.

So here are some expert tips on beating the heat — without breaking the bank.

Strategic air conditioner use

"In my home, we close the vents in the basement because it is typically cooler there anyway," says Dave Walton, director of home ideas for Direct Energy.

"In a two-storey home, most people get a warm spot upstairs because cold air falls down. So by limiting the number of vents that are open, in rooms where you don't really need the air conditioning flowing, that will encourage the flow of the cold air up to the top floor."

He also recommends using a programmable thermostat, which can let your home warm up when you're out, reactivating the A.C. before you return.

Blinds and curtains

"Use your shading and drapes strategically, so the sides of your home that get



► There are plenty of ways to keep cool without forking over cash.

direct sunlight are protected," recommends Simi Heer, a Power Smart spokesperson at BC Hydro.

"Drapes can block up to 65 per cent of the heat that would otherwise enter your home. If you want, you can even take it a step farther and install an external shade screen on the outside of your window. This will block up to 95 per cent of the heat."

Home Energy Assessments

"These inspections give

you a home energy-effi-

cency rating," Walton says. "The auditor can show you where all the air leaks are in your home — through windows, the underside of doors, things like that. The real value here is homeowners get a customized energy-efficiency report for their homes. This gives them the opportunity to make changes and improvements."

The assessment may make you eligible for government energy rebates, as well.

You can find out more at oee.nrcan.gc.ca

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DON'T FLUSH AWAY YOUR OLD MEDICATIONS

QUESTION:
What's the best way to get rid of old medications?

*Alex,
Edmonton, Alta.*

QUESTION:
Do I need to worry about toxic ingredients in sunscreens?
*Julia,
Halifax, N.S.*

The next time you find yourself decluttering the medicine cabinet, make sure you don't flush old medications down the toilet and don't throw them in the garbage either. The safest way to dispose of old medications and over-the-counter health care products is to take them back to your local pharmacy.

Flushing unused or expired prescription medications down the toilet or throwing them in the garbage means they'll eventually find their way into our streams and rivers — also known as our drinking water.

And you're also playing a role in keeping our oceans and landfills free of pollution.

Unfortunately, there are chemicals of concern in sunscreens. Four substances commonly found in chemical sunscreens — parabens, cinnamate, benzophenone and camphor derivatives — are thought to be the culprits killing coral reefs around the world.

This summer, choose a sunscreen without parabens. You might also see related ingredients on the label like methylparaben, butylparaben, propylparaben.

All are widely used in cosmetics as a synthetic preservative; they are easily absorbed by skin and should be avoided.

To choose a safer brand check this sunscreen guide. hewg.org/2010sunscreen/

Know your city

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Switching it up at the midpoint of your career?

► Individuals seeking mid-career change can dive into new professions



► Rosemary Thompson was a veteran journalist who worked for years with CTV News before deciding to take on her current job with the National Arts Centre as director of communications and public affairs.

Rosemary Thompson has been on the front lines covering some of the biggest news stories in recent memory from the Quebec referendum to the Sept. 11 attacks.

But after 22 years, the veteran journalist, who has posed questions to countless newsmakers, turned the tables and asked a key one of herself when it came to her career: "What's next?"

"I think for me it was a sense of I wanted to build something rather than just cover something," said Thompson.

There was also what Thompson describes as a "huge personal side" to the issue — the adoption of daughter Jasmine from China almost three years ago.

The award-winning reporter, who also has a 15-

year-old son, Louis, said as much as she loved her work, she recalled having to carve out time to take days off to ensure she was there for birthday parties and other important days and she desired a little more flexibility in her life.

Last year, she stepped away from her position with CTV to take on a new role as director of communications at the National Arts Centre.

For individuals contemplating a mid-career change, experts say there are many questions that need to be addressed before taking the leap.

Vickie Townson was nearing 50 and working as a law clerk when she began feeling she didn't want to continue in the position.

"When I looked ahead, I wanted to do something

that was more fulfilling for me," she recalled. "It happened at a time where my daughter had gone off to college so my parental responsibilities were lessening, and I really felt it was sort of OK for me to start looking at what was important in my life."

Townson said she wanted to do something that makes a difference in people's lives, and further exploration eventually put her on a new path. She is now a midlife coach with Life's New Chapter Coaching in Ottawa.

She talks to clients about what is prompting the change, and asks them to describe their ideal careers. As they begin to clarify that, they get a better sense of what they're looking for in that move. They sometimes recognize that they don't have to change companies, Townson noted.

"It just means having a conversation with their HR person to see what's available there and what's possible," THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Journalism is an all-consuming passion and you have to give it everything ... I thought it was time for me to have little bit more control so that I can be around for this little girl's childhood."

ROSEMARY THOMPSON

Help ID your expertise, talents in career search

Ottawa midlife coach Vickie Townson of Life's New Chapter Coaching has a skills inventory to help individuals identify their expertise and talents from their professional career and other areas of their lives.

Complete the following questions to uncover your skills, talents and expertise. Once completed, choose those you wish to use in your ideal career.

since then.

- What courses have you taken?
- What additional training have you participated in?
- What are your skills and expertise from education and training?

Hobbies and Creative Projects

Your hobbies and creative projects are a showcase for your natural gifts and talents — talents you may take for granted.

- What hobbies do you enjoy?
- What artistic or creative projects have you been involved in?
- What skills and talents were used?

Volunteering and Community Activities

Volunteer jobs are opportunities to use your skills in new areas. You can also gain new experience while working in a different environment.

- Where have you volunteered?
- What role did you play?
- What skills did you use?
- What did you enjoy about the volunteer duties?

Education and Training

You have skills and expertise from your earlier education. No doubt, you have had additional training and professional development

Taking an inventory such as this can really help you highlight what you can offer employers when you're looking to change your career. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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METRO WORLD NEWS

The need to attend class may be waning with the spreading class capturing practices.

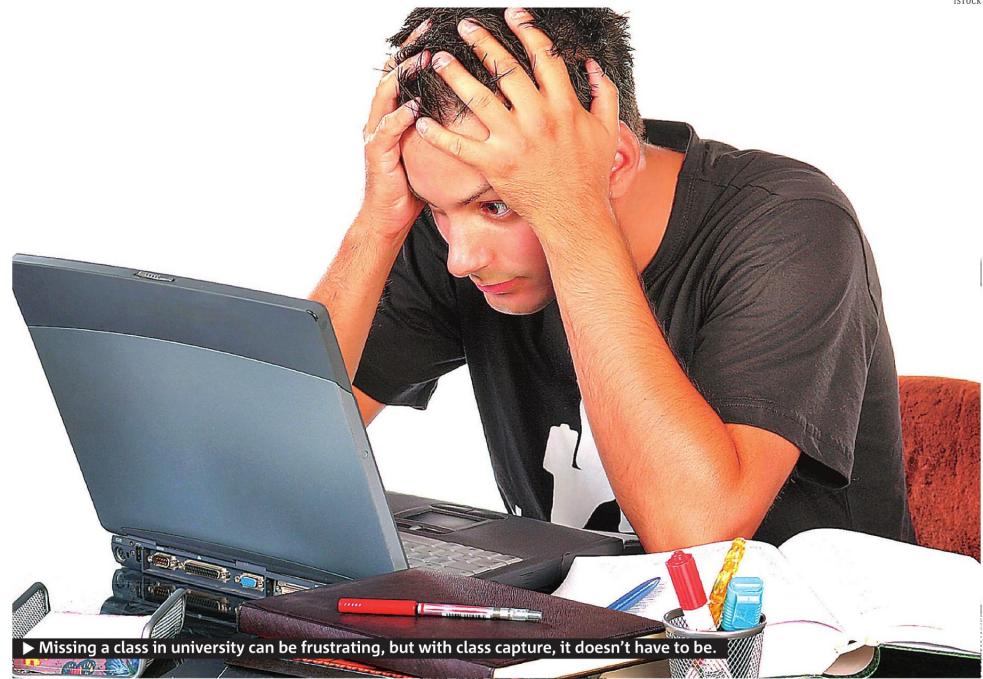
"Right now this technology is rooted in higher education and, especially, highly technical education like medical schools and engineering schools where students are asked to memorize a lot of rote information," says Andy Petroski, director of learning technologies at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology in Harrisburg, Pa. "In those settings, if you miss 30 seconds of a class, you may have missed quite a bit of content."

At least two companies — Sonic Foundry and McGraw-Hill — are pushing hard for class capture to

Capturing class

► Class capture is the ability to record either the audio and/or video of a class session and deliver that recording in a digital format. "The fact that we went from one (class-capture) classroom in 2006, to 73 this year, tells you something about how popular it is," says Lev Gonick, chief information officer at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

become ubiquitous in university classrooms, especially because licensing of the software is on a per-course basis, creating a potential boon. A number of delicate issues surround the larger implementation of class capture, including intellectual property rights of professors, along with fears of heightened scrutiny.



► Missing a class in university can be frustrating, but with class capture, it doesn't have to be.

If you're using class capture, you have to be aware that what you say in class can be played back.

You do have to think a little more about the content, not only because of the (added) scrutiny, but

you also have to create more visuals on the screen," says David Schuff, associate profes-

sor of management information systems at Temple University in Philadelphia.

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News in brief

Canada good at getting degrees

EDUCATION According to a new report from the College Board, Canada is now the world leader in higher education among young adults, with 55.8 per cent of 25- to 34-year-olds holding a post-secondary degree as of 2007, the year of the latest international ranking. The U.S. has

dropped from first to 12th place in the share of young adults with an associate degree or higher. When older adults are added to the equation, the Russian Federation leads with 54 per cent of 25- to 64-year-olds with a post-secondary degree in 2007, followed by Canada with 48.3 per cent. The U.S. places sixth with 40.3 per cent.

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UVic apps up

EDUCATION It's a bit tougher this year for prospective

first-year students to qualify for admission to the University of Victoria, reports a local radio station. Applications are up over last year, which means the cut-off will be higher, perhaps requiring a 75 per cent average for students coming directly out of high school, up from the low 70s last year. Undergraduate applications to the university are up about 2.5 per cent, while graduate applications have risen by 7 per cent. UVic's law school has seen a 30 per cent increase in applications. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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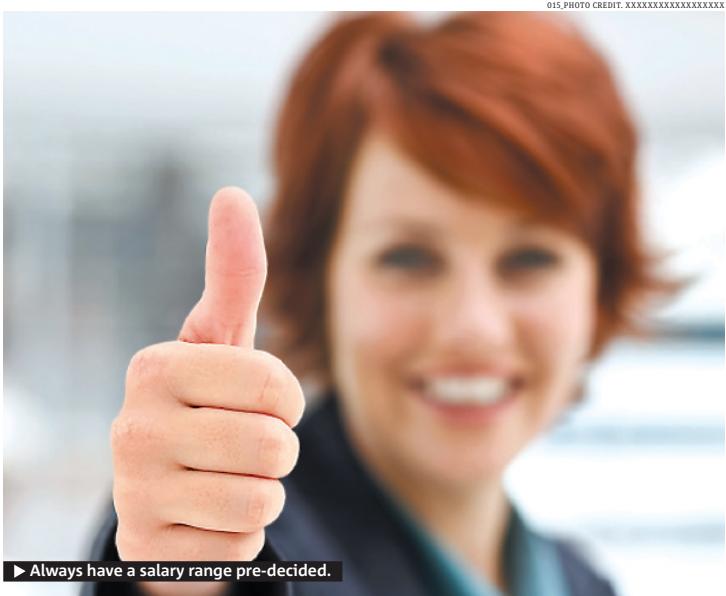
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► Always have a salary range pre-decided.

Confidence key when negotiating compensation

- Are you just out of school and looking for your first job? ► What to do when faced with certain questions

 DREW HINSHAW
METRO WORLD NEWS

It doesn't happen often in the job-finding process, but sometimes in the late stage of an interview, the hiring company poses a loaded question to its interviewee: How much would you like to be paid?

Wage negotiations should be a relief to job-seekers — a chance to carve a benefits, vacation and salary package to their specified needs — and yet the prospect of playing paycheque poker can spook even the most tested veterans of hiring rituals.

The point to remember, negotiation sharks say, is that the coffee-cup-clenching HR reps on the

other end of the conference table are equally nervous.

"It's nerve-wracking for everyone," About.com career planning guide, Dawn Rosenberg McKay, notes.

But it need not be so for you. The best way to give yourself confidence, and leverage at the negotiation table, McKay says, is to come in with a clear idea of what you're likely to walk out with.

"Unfortunately, most people kind of wing it," says Ron Krannich, author of Dynamite Salary Negotiations. "You should really go in with an idea of what the salary ranges are for that area."

But don't stride into the room ready to hammer a hard bargain. Your first task is to sniff out what

Asking for a raise

► Asking for a raise can be tough, but Emily Candy, an HR advisor at Rogers Media says to "check your self-entitlement at the door, but not your confidence," and "stick to facts and examples" of your good work.

your future company is willing to pay.

"They're liable to throw out the question 'What are your salary expectations?'" Krannich warns. "Just throw it back: 'What do you normally pay for someone with my qualifications?'"

If they give you a range, "put their high figure at the very bottom of your range," he says.

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Sports in brief



1 Golden Moka won the \$500,000 Prince of Wales Stakes.

2 Daytona 500 winner Jamie McMurray won The Brickyard 400.

3 Orlando Hudson was placed on the 15-day disabled list by the Minnesota Twins.
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Tour de force as Contador wins



► Alberto Contador takes a victory lap yesterday.

CHRISTOPHE ENA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alberto Contador won his third Tour de France in four years yesterday, heralding the arrival of a new cycling superstar as seven-time champion Lance Armstrong competed in the race for the last time.

The 27-year-old Spaniard sealed the win by holding off a dramatic challenge from his main rival, Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, in Saturday's individual time trial.

"I'm very happy," said Contador, before hoisting

the victor's cup with the Arc de Triomphe in the background.

"At times I had difficulty from a psychological and physical standpoint."

After 3,642 kilometres and three weeks of racing over mountains, cobblestones and flats in the Netherlands, Belgium and France, Schleck finished 39 seconds back in second place.

Victoria's Ryder Hesjedal, moving up one spot in Sat-

urday's time trial, finished seventh overall for Canada's best showing since Steve Bauer's fourth in 1988.

Hesjedal started the race as a support rider for Garmin-Transitions star Christian Vande Velde, but took the initiative after the injured American had to withdraw after two stages.

Toronto's Michael Barry, a support rider for Team Sky star Bradley Wiggins, finished 99th overall.
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Record round helps Swede take Open

► Pettersson shot a 60 Saturday on way to victory ► Wilson finishes second after losing four-stroke lead

After narrowly missing out on a 59 at the RBC Canadian Open, Carl Pettersson got something even better — a victory.

The Swede closed with a 3-under 67 to pull out a one-shot win over Dean Wilson at St. George's Golf and Country Club.

Pettersson got into contention with a course-record 60 Saturday morning and made enough birdies down the stretch yesterday to earn his fourth career PGA Tour victory.

After starting the day four shots behind Wilson, he turned the heat up by making consecutive birdies at Nos. 13-15 and cruised home from there.

The victory was worth \$918,000 US.

Pettersson was having an average week until Saturday morning. He just

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The low Canadian was 22-year-old Adam Hadwin of Abbotsford, B.C., who birdied the final two holes at his first PGA Tour event to shoot 71 and tie for 37th.

made the cut, but shot up the leaderboard with a record-setting round that saw him narrowly miss a 30-foot putt on No. 18 to shoot 59.

When he returned to the same green yesterday, he had enough of a cushion to three-putt from 60 feet. Pettersson raised his right arm in triumph after earning his first victory since the 2008 Wyndham Championship.

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► Carl Pettersson holds the championship trophy yesterday.

Dawson enters Hall of Fame

Former Montreal Expo star Andre Dawson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame yesterday.

The 56-year-old Dawson, an all-star eight times, is the 203rd player to make the Hall of Fame.

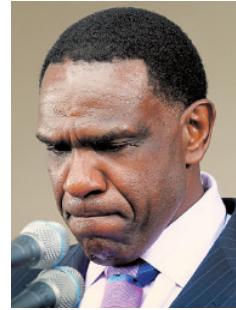
Dawson, who also played for the Cubs, Boston and Florida, had 438 homers, 2,774 hits, 1,591 RBIs and 314 stolen bases in his 21-year major league career.

Dawson poked fun at sev-

3 Dawson is one of only three major league players to hit 400 homers and steal more than 300 bases.

eral Hall of Famers before getting serious, warning players not to be lured to the dark side of using performance-enhancing drugs.

Former umpire Doug Harvey and manager Whitey Herzog also entered the Hall. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Sports in brief

Angels land Haren in trade

MLB. The Arizona Diamondbacks have traded right-hander Dan Haren to the Los Angeles Angels for three pitchers and a player to be named.

The Diamondbacks get left-hander Joe Saunders and right-hander

Rafael Rodriguez, along with minor leaguer Patrick Corbin.

Ravens' top pick injured

NFL. Baltimore Ravens top draft pick Sergio Kindle hurt his head in a fall in Texas, a mishap that will prevent him from reporting to camp today.

It is believed the linebacker fell down two flights of stairs.

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